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Timely Tidbits ...

Kwanzaa Discussion

The African American Book Club will present a discussion on "Kwanzaa: The Celebration of Family, Community, and Cultural Traditions, Old and New" at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Wednesday, December 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All ages are invited. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Library: 734-942-7589.

Breakfast with Santa

St. Aloysius School (37200 Neville) invites the community to attend its "breakfast with Santa" program on Saturday, December 14, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

After enjoying a breakfast of eggs, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, bagels, pastries, cereal, juice, and coffee/tea/milk, children will have an opportunity to do their own Christmas shopping at Santa's Secret Shop, which features gifts for all ages at reasonable prices. The St. Aloysius Youth Group will be on hand to assist children with gift-wrapping their purchases, free of charge.

Other attractions will include a craft table, where kids can make an ornament to take home, and a coloring table for all the little ones.

A ticket price of \$5 per child (\$6 per adult) includes a complimentary photo with Santa. Additional photos are \$3 each. All proceeds go to the St. Aloysius Youth Group Scholarship Program.

For more information, call Julie Wadsworth at 734-941-3340 or e-mail juliewads@yahoo.com.

Save UPC Labels

The Romulus Animal Shelter is collecting Spartan-brand UPC labels to raise money for a new building. Every 1,000 labels turned in will result in an additional \$20 for the shelter. All Spartan products are eligible except 12-oz. cans of pop, refrigerated biscuits, and spices. Labels may be dropped off at the shelter on Goddard just east of Wayne Road, or at your neighborhood school. For more information, call 734-942-7591. □

New Judge Welcomed at 34th District Court



Thirty-fourth District Court Judge-elect David Parrott (left) is welcomed by the court's incumbents, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge Brian A. Oakley.

Thirty-fourth District Court Judge-elect David M. Parrott visited judicial colleagues at the court on November 8, receiving a personal tour of the facility from Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge Brian A. Oakley, and taking advantage of the opportunity to meet the individual department supervisors and staff.

The 42-year-old Parrott – an attorney for 17 years – is a member of the Southfield law firm of Sullivan, Ward, Bone, Tyler & Asher, P.C. Parrott has begun winding down his law practice to assume his judicial role in January.

"It's been a wonderful morning," said Parrott. "I'm looking forward to working with Judge Green, Judge Oakley, and a great court staff."

Although Judge Green is sorry to see her current colleague, Judge William J. Szlinis, retire, she is excited about working with the newly elected Parrott.

"I look forward to January and the three of us developing new programs for the communities we serve," said Green. □

Pool Complex Dedication Set for December 5

The Romulus Community Schools will dedicate the district's new swimming pool complex during a special ceremony to be held in the Romulus High School atrium at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 5.

District and city officials, area dignitaries, and Romulus residents are all invited to take part in this memorable occasion. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP Dick Kruse at the district's administrative office (734-532-1626).

The pool complex, which has already opened, features several types of activities/instruction. For example, the fourth-grade classes at Halecreek School have each had eight afternoon swimming classes in a program that will eventually include all district fourth-graders. RHS swimming instructor Jason Balcom is assisted by water-safety instructor Deborah Leggieri and student lifeguard aides Ryan Boyd and Rebecca Thornton during these lessons.

Balcom also teaches swim classes for beginning and advanced students at RHS throughout the school day.

Community "open swimming" times are currently scheduled from 6 to 7 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from

3 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Residents can contact the Romulus Adult/Community Education office at 734-532-1953 for further information.

Pool director Lance Knudson and Adult/Community Education director Bill Musham say they are planning additional offerings, and are considering

youth swimming lessons, senior-citizen swims, and water-aerobics classes.

Superintendent of schools Joel R. Carr says he is "very proud to present this state-of-the-art facility to the community," and he notes that the dedication and following complex-tour will be "a memorable occasion for all."



New water-safety instructor Deborah Leggieri (left) works on diving techniques with one of the new swimming classes at Romulus High School. Leggieri, who also serves as the swimming coach at Riverview High School, is experienced in this field.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. (Writers need not be afraid to include their name when asking for anonymity, since all such names are kept in the strictest confidence, regardless of whether or not the letter is published.)

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Opinions expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" are not necessarily shared by the staff of The Romulus News.

No Recount Requested

To the voters of Michigan:

Since Election Day, my primary concern has been to ensure that the voters of Michigan receive an accurate accounting of the Attorney General's race. This race has been the closest statewide race in more than fifty years. Less than two-tenths of one percent separates the candidates. In some states, such a slim margin would trigger an automatic recount.

Over the weekend, I reviewed a detailed precinct-by-precinct analysis of election results in the Attorney General's race. Anomalies, errors, and irregularities were uncovered. Some have been corrected. Others have not been.

Although I believe a recount would uncover additional anomalies and errors, and further narrow the gap in this extremely tight race, I am not convinced that a recount would alter the ultimate result. Given this, I will not request a recount. Rather than subject the voters of Michigan to a protracted electoral and legal battle, I believe it is time to move forward. I have telephoned my opponent, Mike Cox, and offered him my congratulations and wished him well.

This was a hard-fought campaign and would not have been possible without the countless hours of effort put forth by family, my staff, and my supporters. I want to thank all the tremendous individuals and organizations for their hard work, determination, faith, and commitment. Although this campaign is over, I will continue fighting for the people and the principles that brought me to public service.

Sincerely,
Gary C. Peters
Democratic candidate for
Attorney General

Commentary Appreciated

To the editor:

I thought that Cassandra George Sturges's "Guest Commentary" – titled "No Need To Apologize For Barbershop: Some Blacks Can Handle The Truth" (TRN, October 18, 2002) – was very well written. I, too, saw *Barbershop*, and I share her feelings about it.

I would like to thank Ms. Sturges for writing her commentary because it expressed the thoughts of many people.

Sincerely,
Frances Holmes

Use Your Seat Belts!

To Michigan motorists:

The City of Romulus has joined forces with over 12,000 other law-enforcement agencies in a nationwide effort to promote seat-belt and child-restraint use. As you are aware, the driver, front-seat passengers (regardless of age), and back-seat passengers under 18 years of age must wear seat belts while in a motor vehicle in the State of Michigan; small children must be restrained in child safety seats at all times.

Thanksgiving is one of the most dangerous holidays for motorists, according to the National Safety Council. In Michigan, 12 people lost their lives in traffic crashes during the 2001 Thanksgiving holiday. We hope to reduce this statistic for the 2002 holiday season.

To those of you who put your seat belt on only when you see a police officer on the street: We, the police officers, see you, too. Sometimes we are on our way to handle a complaint; sometimes we just let it slide, saying to ourselves, "At least he/she has the belt on now." Your action tells us that you know about the seat-belt law. It also tells us that enforcement campaigns like "Click It or Ticket" have a positive effect on

seat-belt use by motorists in the State of Michigan. I hope you realize that if you only put on your seat belt when you see an officer, that may be too late. The officer may choose to give you a ticket or, worse, you may find yourself part of the scene of an accident, when it really is too late. The seat belt could have saved you from injury or death.

The Romulus Police Department will participate in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign this year by using high-visibility patrols for the strict enforcement of seat-belt and child-restraint violations through December 8. The law-enforcement community as a whole, as well as the Romulus Police Department, will be out in force to promote compliance with the seat-belt laws of the State of Michigan – and, hopefully, to promote a safe and happy holiday season for everyone.

Please: wear your seat belt; buckle up your children. The life you save may be your own or that of a loved one.

You may not agree with this law, but it's a law that we all can live with.

Sergeant Clifford West
Romulus Police Department

Just a Caution!

To the editor:

I'm writing this letter to area motorists who may not be aware that the traffic light at the corner of Wayne and Goddard roads has changed.

For years, drivers on northbound and southbound Wayne Road faced a "three-way traffic signal" at the Goddard intersection, with motorists able to turn left on a green-arrow signal while oncoming traffic was stopped at a red light. As of last week, however, the light has been changed, and drivers no longer have the "left-on-green-arrow" option.

Unfortunately, some people have not noticed this change, and they are attempting to turn left onto Goddard without waiting for oncoming traffic to clear. This has resulted in several close calls.

For safety's sake, please keep this new change in mind, and watch out for other drivers who may not be aware of it yet.

Just a caution!
Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen □

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The Crime Blotter

Editor's note: With this issue, "the little paper" will begin publishing the weekly "Crime Blotter" reports issued by Officer Damian Hull of the Romulus Police Department. The report below was issued on November 25, 2002.

• Malicious Destruction of Property

7000 block of Abilene
Rock was thrown through bedroom window.

• Malicious Destruction of Property

St. Aloysius Catholic School
Graffiti spray-painted on exterior wall.

• Malicious Destruction of Property

36500 block of Goddard

Graffiti spray-painted on residence.

• Larceny from Motor Vehicle

Romulus Marriott
Four hubcaps stolen from 2002 Ford van.

• Larceny

area of Kenwood/Burton
City contractor installing water meters reports several water-main fittings stolen from work-site.

• Violation of Public Health Code – Narcotics

6100 block of Wayne Road
RFD responded to a structure fire and found a marijuana-growing operation. RPD's Special Investigations Unit later executed two search warrants, and a suspect is in custody.

• Stolen Vehicle

34300 block of Beverly
1999 Plymouth Breeze stolen from driveway.

• Stolen Vehicle

6900 block of Ranger
1991 Chevy Lumina stolen from location.

• Criminal Sexual Conduct

An intoxicated, unconscious woman woke in a local hotel, finding that she was raped. Suspect in custody.

• Felonious Assault

area of I-275/Eureka
Motorist reports that another motorist aimed a handgun at him, then sped off.

• Felonious Assault

area of Woodmont/Orchard
Group of ten black males assaulted at least two people. One victim believes that he was hit in the head with the butt-end of a handgun. Victim received four staples to close the head wound.

• Felonious Assault w/Motor Vehicle

34400 block of Lynn
Ex-boyfriend attempted to run over current boyfriend as he stood in the front yard. No injuries.

• Breaking & Entering

16400 block of Middlebelt
• Breaking & Entering – Motor Vehicle

30300 block of Flynn

Parked Ford van was broken into. About \$45,000 in tools were taken.

• Stolen Vehicle

15000 block of Mountainway
1999 Dodge Stratus was stolen.

• Larceny

7-Eleven store, 39000 block of Ecorse
Coin-operated vacuum and air compressor were stolen from outside the location.

• False Police Report

35500 block of Margaret
Suspect attempted to make a false police report. Suspect reported that his vehicle was stolen to make a fraudulent insurance claim. □

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Health Awareness

Editor's note: In this issue, "the little paper" continues its episodic column called "Health Awareness." Articles appearing in the column are written by students from Romulus High School teacher Terri Brinston's health-occupations classes.

Diabetes Month

by Tiffany Burrell, health-occupations student, Romulus High School

The American Diabetic Association (ADA) is the nation's leading nonprofit health organization that conducts diabetes research. Founded in 1940, the ADA has invested more than \$200 million in diabetes research. The mission of the organization is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the life of those already affected by the disease.

Diabetes is a disease in which the pancreas does not create insulin to control the glucose level in the blood. This was one of the many diseases that we learned in health occupations at Romulus High School.

Every November, the ADA sponsors the "American Diabetes Month" program for people with diabetes and those who are unaware of the disease. The program's goal is to increase awareness through dilated-eye and foot exam-

inations and blood-glucose and blood-pressure testing. Taking these tests routinely, while also keeping your blood pressure under control, can prevent serious complications of diabetes.

Along with the testing, the ADA sponsors a walk called "America's Walk for Diabetes." The ADA knows that walking can help control diabetes, and so do the 100,000 people who participate each year. The "walkers" come from 245 cities around the country to support the program. The ADA also does a very good job of reaching the community with other health screenings and information about diabetes.

One of out 17 Americans has diabetes and 1 in 3 of them do not know it. My family has a history of diabetes, so I wanted to know more information about the disease and what I could do to prevent it. As a result, I am going to change my diet and increase my exercise level. I don't want to live a life full of needles and sickness due to the complications of diabetes. I have not been diagnosed with diabetes, but I am very aware of the risk of developing the disease, especially since diabetes runs in my family. I will do all I can to lower my risk so that I will live a happy and disease-free life. □

RHS Honors "Students of the Month"

A total of 52 Romulus High School students have been recognized as October's "Students of the Month." The students – selected by their teachers for excelling behaviorally and academically – were honored during a brief ceremony held on Wednesday, November 13. Those who attended the event received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

October's "Students of the Month"

Prinest Birton, Kenneth Booker, Nicole Brennan, Ronnie Brown, Chrystal Coleman, Kimberly Ctoon, Dreqan Curry, Thomas Drayton, Karrah Duncan, Mario Edwards, Tia Flemings, Doloris Garry, Jason Gibson, Anitra Glimps, Amber Gondek, Nicholas Gratiot, Dawn Griffith, Christian Hadden, Sarah Herbert, Melissa Holman, Devon Johnson, Janet Johnson, Julian Lambert, Paul Lenderman, Mallori Losacco, Aaron McAdoo, Christopher Middlebrooks, Joseph Miller, Jesse Morris, Lindsey Moss, Erica Ochs, LaJoyah Orr, Heather Patrick, Alexander Patton, Leslie Perez, Lauren Romak, Cilia Sanchez, Timothy Schaf, Briana Smith, Clifford

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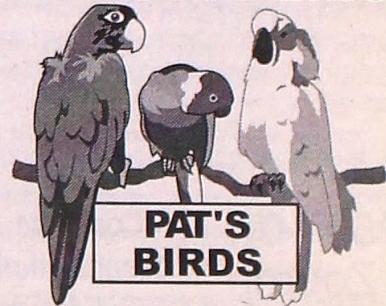
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Cory Elementary's Veteran's Day Program Was Patriotic



Cory Elementary School's annual Veteran's Day program was a colorful and patriotic affair.

Students at Cory Elementary were treated to a truly outstanding Veteran's Day program. On hand to greet the students with words of encouragement were several representatives of Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #1869, including James Swanigan, post commander, and Marvin Hamann, the 4th District's junior vice commander.

Principal Phyllis Adkins prepared a detailed document that described the significance of each fold as students Justin Hartman, Cicely Shaw, David Ellis, Cody Barnes, Rodney Cofield, and Joshua Robinson demonstrated folding the American flag. Adkins explained that

the first fold is a symbol of life, while the second is a symbol of our belief in eternal life. She also sang a verse of "America the Beautiful" with Cory's choir and music teacher/accompanist Kevin Cook.

The Mistress of Ceremony for the program was Staff Sergeant/Cory fifth-grade teacher Debbie Roberts. Roberts served in the Army for 20 years before completing her educational career at Wayne State University.

Co-parent volunteers Janice Barden and Reverend Rita Talley organized the annual program, which reminds everyone of the sacrifices that others have made to help keep us free. □



Members of local VFW Post #1869 were honored guests at Cory's special Veteran's Day assembly. The visitors included: (from left) front – Elmer Copeland, Earl Alexander, Marvin Hamann (junior vice-commander, 4th District), and Sam Piggee; back – Thomas Coleman, James Swanigan (commander, Post #1869), and Lloyd Coleman.

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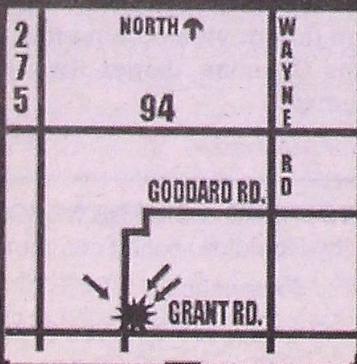


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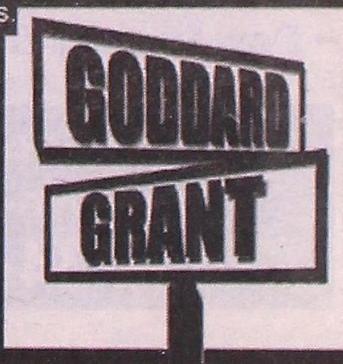
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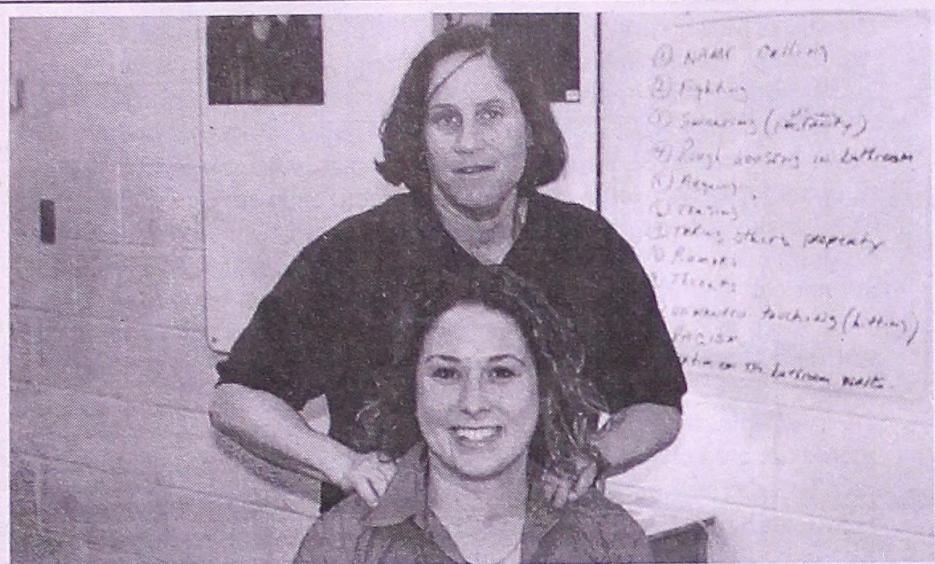
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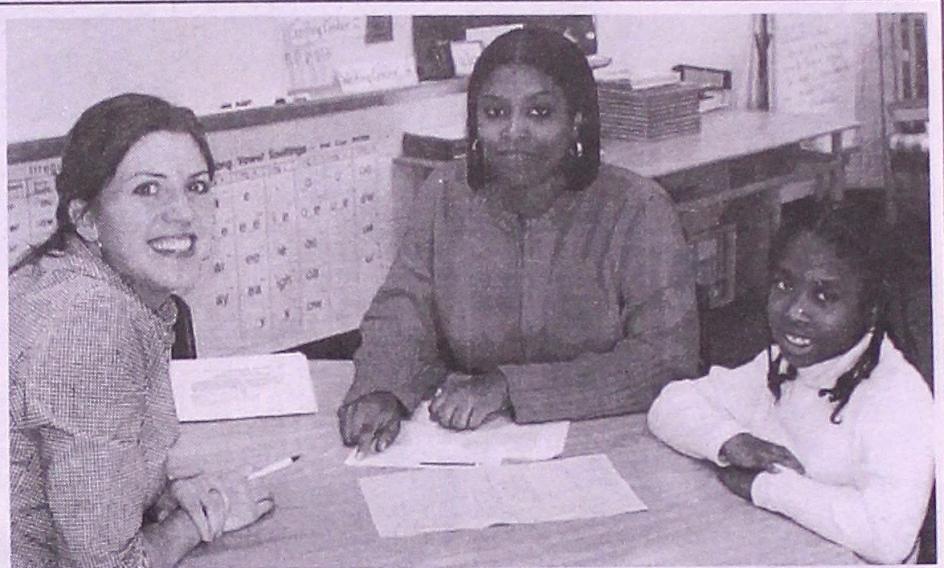
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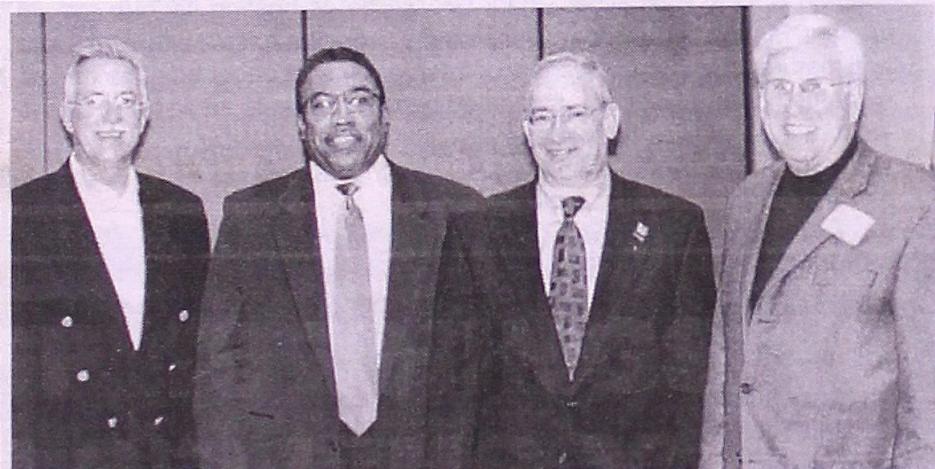
Around the District



Cory Elementary School resource teacher Sarah Scott (seated) received a professional massage courtesy of principal Phyllis Adkins, who thought it would be nice to treat her staff after two 12½-hour days dedicated to Parent-Teacher Conferences.



Sarah Metzger (left), second-grade teacher at Romulus Elementary, talks to parent Brendel Patterson and her daughter Kayla at the school's recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. Kayla – by the way – received an outstanding report card.



Superintendent Joel R. Carr (right) and (from left) district leaders Bill Routhier (business/operations director) and Ed Clark (director of human resources) discussed important economic trends with nationally known economist David Littmann at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's November luncheon. Littman, head economist for Comerica Bank, is often published in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Investor's Business Daily*.



Cory students enjoyed their recent *Fish!* motivational program, and now plan to incorporate the philosophy's four basic principles – "be there," "make someone's day," "choose your attitude," and "play" – into their school work. Among the participants were: (from left) Nicholas Morton, Veronica Davis, Gekia Lee, Precious Fletcher, Heather Mason, Valerie Crawford, Summer Adams, and Zoaita Hogan.

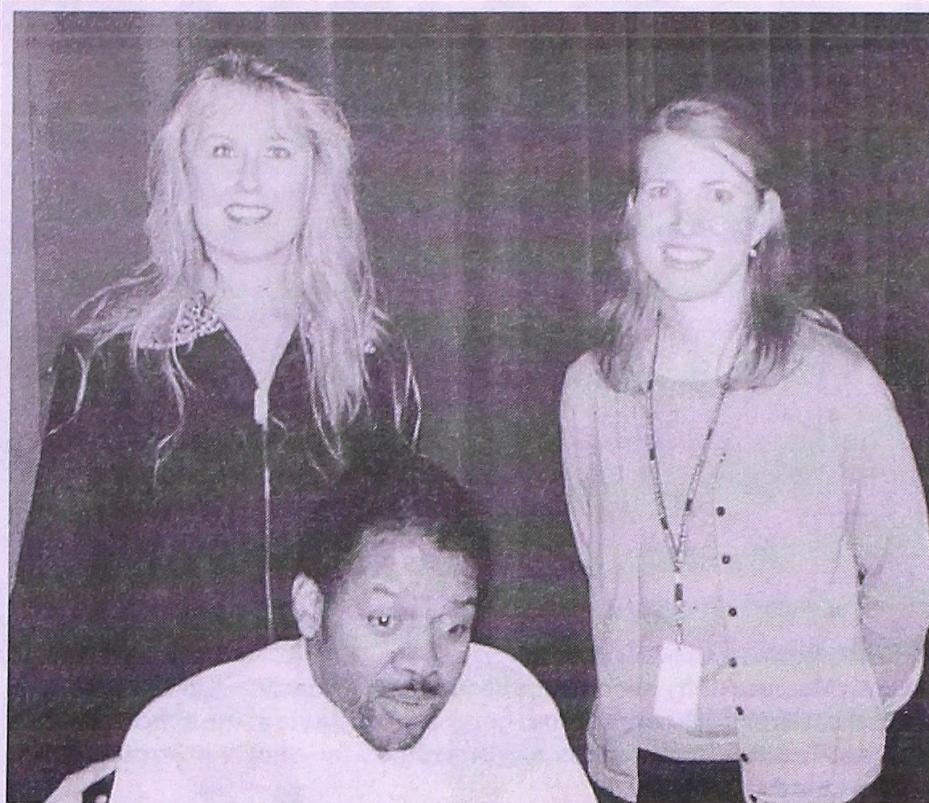


(From left) Art specialist Carrie Smith looks on as Barth students Emily Doyle and Kelsey Hadyniak proudly display their artwork. Each year, Barth students decorate ceiling tiles for display throughout the school.



The district's now-famous "Fishettes" – including (from left) Robin Oney, Sheila Morgan, and Ellen Bragg – have been very active lately, making presentations such as this one for Merriman's fifth-graders.

Speaker Al Swain Leads Off RHS "Handicapable Week"



Romulus High School special-education teacher/consultant Suzanne Snyder (left) and RHS social worker Rhonda McAllister welcomed special guest Al Swain, the associate director of the Capital Area Center for Independent Living, when he spoke to students about disabilities at an all-school assembly during Handicapable Week.

Guest speaker Al Swain gave the students at Romulus High School some valuable insights into what it is like to be handicapped and how to relate with handicapped individuals. Swain, who is blind and has multiple sclerosis, spoke about his life experiences.

Diagnosed with severe visual problems at the age of nine, Swain attended the Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing. During his senior year there, specialists determined that the cause of his blindness was multiple sclerosis.

Swain had a high-school career as a top student and outstanding wrestler. Then one day at Olivet College, after he had to give up wrestling and became confined to a wheelchair, Swain got the wake-up call of his life. He noted how he

was sitting around, feeling sorry for himself, when some of his fraternity brothers took him outside, dumped him into a snowbank, and took away his "excuses."

Swain is the past president of the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition and was recently appointed to the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns by Governor John Engler. He is also the associate director of a group called the Capital Area Center for Independent Living. This organization is staffed with volunteers and provides vital resources for individuals with disabilities. Swain works to help individuals find housing, employment, and skills training, and also provides insight to peer support groups. He counsels an average of 70 people each month.

Special-education teacher/consultant Suzanne Snyder and social worker Rhonda McAllister organized the 4th annual Handicapable Week at RHS in order to promote the understanding and acceptance of individuals who face physical, visual, articulation, and intellectual challenges.

The opening assembly was followed by SSR reading assignments and video presentations throughout the week. Topics this year included:

- understanding autism,
- emotional impairments,
- FAT (frustration, anxiety, and tension – feelings often common for people with learning disabilities), and
- ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). □

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Community Calendar

- **Advent by Candlelight** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend its "Advent by Candlelight" program, set for Sunday, December 1, at 5 p.m. The program will feature David Paul Britton, who will present his Ministry of Music Mission and Education. A free-will offering will be taken. (Note: After the Inspirational Service, a Spaghetti Supper – hosted by the Ladies' Aid – will be held in the church basement. Call the church office at 734-753-9048 or Ruth Richert at 734-753-4786 if you plan to attend.)
- **Other Services at St. Paul's** – The public is also welcome to attend any or all of the following events at St. Paul's Church: Midweek Advent Services (Wednesdays through December 18, at 7 p.m.); Children's Christmas Program (Tuesday, December 24, at 6 p.m.); Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion (10 p.m.); Christmas Morning Service with Communion (10 a.m.); and New Year's Eve Service with Communion (7 p.m.).
- **Mother's Morning Out** – Ball Road Tabernacle invites you to drop off your children (ages 2 to 5) for a program of play time, stories, crafts, and lunch, while you enjoy a morning free to run errands. The service is available at the church (located on the corner of Ecorse and Ball roads, west of Merriman) each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 734-722-9638.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Bluegrass Show** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host the next two in their ongoing series of bluegrass shows at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, December 6 (featured artist: Eddie Adkins & the Southerners), and Friday, December 13 (featured artist: Wendy Smith). Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, please call 734-782-0132.
- **Fresh Holiday Greens** – The women's group at St. James Episcopal Church (25150 East River Road, Grosse Ile) is hosting its 74th annual Greens Market on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature an enormous variety of fresh greens for decorating, as well as wreaths (10 to 36 inches), decorated hanging baskets, table trees (some decorated and/or lighted), swags, door-knockers, and Yule corsages. Other attractions will include hand-crafted items, gifts priced to fit youngsters' pockets, and a "goodies" table.
- **Family Holiday Fest & Tree-lighting** – The Friends of Nankin Mills and the Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation are inviting the public to attend their Family Holiday Fest & Tree-lighting, an old-fashioned celebration to be held at historic Nankin Mills (Westland) on Saturday, December 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. The first hour will feature seasonal crafts and games for children of all ages; the second will be dedicated to a visit from St. Nick himself. The annual tree-lighting ceremony will feature a holiday sing-along. Cost is \$3 for crafts and games (preregistration required). There is no charge to attend Santa's visit or the tree-lighting ceremony. For more information, call the County Parks Department at 734-261-1990.
- **Board of Education to Meet at Barth** – In keeping with its decision to take half its meetings to the community, the Romulus Board of Education will hold its January 13 meeting at Barth Elementary School. Among the agenda items will be a presentation by Health Committee members Sheila Stasak and Laura Ralko. Start time is 6:30 p.m.
- **Chamber to Host Silent Auction/Wine-tasting/Dinner** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its fourth annual Silent Auction and Wine-tasting/Dinner on Friday, February 14, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Romulus. Tickets (\$30 per person) will be available from Chamber board members or the Chamber office beginning in December. For more information, contact Karen Bell, executive assistant, at 734-326-4290. (Note: Donations of items for the auction are welcomed and appreciated.)
- **Eating-disorder Support Group** – People who suffer from disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive eating can attend support-group meetings at St. Paul Lutheran Church (2550 Edsel Drive, Trenton) each Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 734-324-3089.
- **Nursery Has Openings** – Huron Countryside Cooperative Nursery, located in New Boston, has openings available for three- and four-year-old children. For more information, call 734-753-5978.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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The winning entries in Mayor Alan R. Lambert's Holiday Card-decorating Contest featured snowmen – this one by Nigerrea Simpson ...



... and this one by Deanna Reyes.

Mayor's Card-design Contest Draws Hundreds of Entries

With Christmas just a few weeks away, the excitement of the holiday season is growing – especially with Romulus school children, many of whom participated in Mayor Alan R. Lambert's first annual Holiday Card-design Contest last month.

"The response has been tremendous," said Lambert.

From the 300+ original works of holiday art that were submitted to the mayor's office, 17 finalists were selected, and are currently on display at Romulus City Hall. From those 17, two grand-prize winners were chosen, one for this year's card and one for next. Each of the winners – Deanna Reyes, a student at Halecreek Elementary, and Nigerrea Simpson, who attends Romulus Elementary School – received a \$50 gift certificate from Toys R Us.

"Every piece of art we received is colorful and imaginative," said Stephen M. Jones, the City's director of public relations. "It's great to see how our school system supports and encourages this talent."

Jones was especially grateful to school district art program coordinator/art teacher Nancy O'Connor.

"She personalized the excitement of this contest with the kids," he added.

Romulus residents are encouraged to visit City Hall to view the art of all 17 finalists. Besides Reyes and Simpson, they are: Ryan Beesley, Charelle Brewer, Beizhann Davis, Connor Garcia, David Forbush, Amy Gondek, Megan Hammonds, Angelica Horn, Kristin Lawson, Lauren Nieznalski, Rachel Stanley, Sadie Trammell, Brittany Turner, Samantha Watson, and Mason Witmore. □

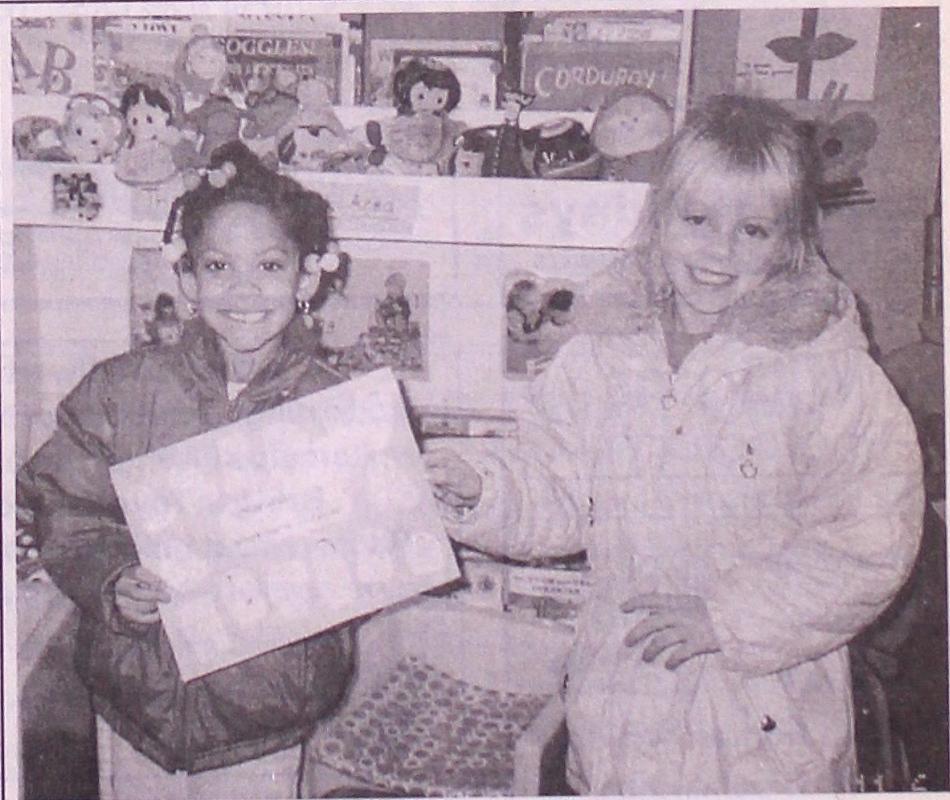
Halecreek's Kindergartners Learn About Voting in America

As part of a lesson about voting in the United States, kindergarten children at Halecreek Elementary School recently discussed the importance of voting, and encouraged their parents and grandparents to vote. The fact that we are all different – and that some families, because of their religious beliefs, do not vote – was shared and accepted by the children.

Mrs. Heard, a precinct monitor at Halecreek, talked to the children about the ballot that some of their parents,

grandparents, and teachers would be using. She showed them the ballot and told them that they will be able to vote when they are 18 if they want to. Heard also showed the students the polling booths, and they held a mock election for the best color: blue or purple.

After the election results were in, the children made a congratulatory card for Governor-elect Jennifer Granholm. They told her that they are counting on her to help make Michigan a good place to grow and learn.



Justice Bowie and Chelsea Gaddis hold the congratulatory card made for Governor-elect Jennifer Granholm by the kindergarten class at Halecreek Elementary School.

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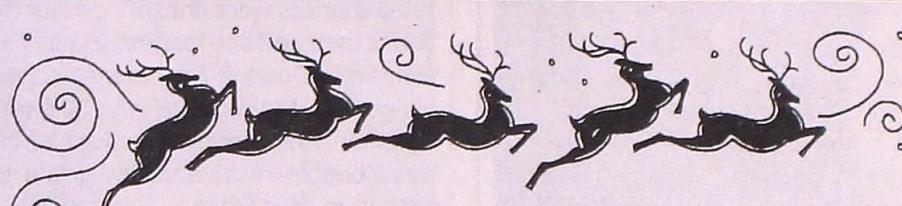
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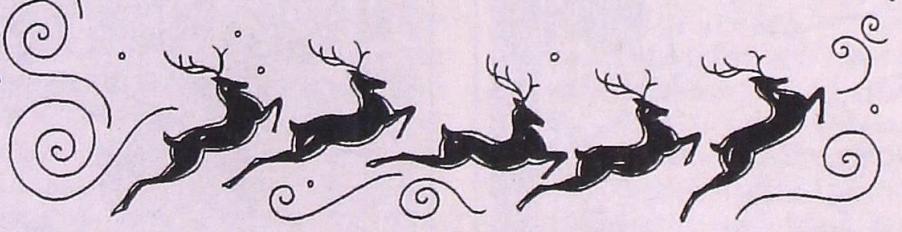


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Holiday Happenings

City's Programs Offer Welcome Break from Holiday Stress

When December's hectic pace leaves you needing a pick-me-up, why not take time out to attend one of the following seasonal events? They're guaranteed to put the ho-ho-ho back in your holidays!

Santa Arrives!

Santa will make his first official appearance in Romulus on Friday, December 6.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the post office), when the Romulus Historical Society and the Romulus Historical Commission will open the museum and the historic Kingsley house – both decorated for the season – from 5 to 8 p.m. Exhibits will include a circa-1860s Christmas table-tree (Kingsley house) and turn-of-the-century Christmas postcards (museum). Entertainment will be provided by the Golden Griffen Stringtet (Kingsley house); refreshments will be available (museum).

At 6 p.m., Santa and another "special somebody" will arrive at the park to help Mayor Alan R. Lambert light the city tree. Afterward, the Recreation Department is inviting everyone to Progressive Hall (near Five Points) to visit with Santa, enjoy light refreshments, and have a picture made (\$2) with the Jolly Old Elf.

There is no charge to participate in these events.

Holiday Craft Class

Create a beautiful stepping-stone to show off in your spring garden or give as a Christmas gift when you attend this craft class, to be held at the Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. A cost of \$35 per student covers instruction and materials such as mosaic pieces and glass gems. Deadline for registration is December 5.

Tree-trim At The Library

The Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) invites children and adults of all ages to take part in its annual Holiday Tree-trimming Party, set for Saturday, December 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Those who attend will enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun (including the stringing of popcorn and cranberries for garland), and will also have a chance to make two ornaments – one for the Library's tree, one to take home. Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration is required. Call 734-942-7589.

Pistons Basketball Clinic

The Romulus Recreation Department invites children in the first through seventh grades to sign up for this clinic, to be held in the Romulus High School gym (9650 South Wayne Road, north of I-94) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. To register, call the Pistons Hotline (248-377-8653). The program's \$15 fee must be paid in cash at the door.

Decorating Contest

The City's annual outdoor-decorating contest offers two ways to get into the holiday spirit. If you choose to enter your home in the contest, all you have to do is register your name and address with the Recreation Department. But you don't have to take part in the competition to take part in the fun! Why not register to be a judge, instead? A bus will depart from the Recreation Center at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, to tour all the entries and judge the contest, for which first-, second-, and third-place prizes (\$100, \$25, and \$15, respectively) will be awarded. Cost of the tour is \$1. Preregister at the Recreation Center.

Lunch with Santa

The Recreation Department is inviting Romulus youngsters to share lunch and story-time with Santa at the Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 14. A cost of \$3 per child covers hot dogs, other refreshments, and a picture with Santa. Preregistration must be made by Friday, December 13.

Pet Pix with Santa Claws

The Romulus Animal Shelter will sponsor a "Santa Claws" photo op for local pet-owners at the old DPW building (corner of Shook and Bibbins, west of Wayne Road) on Saturday, December 14, from 12 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2 per photo. Call the shelter (734-942-7591) for more information.

Holiday Dance

The Romulus Recreation Department will host a holiday dance for all parents/guardians and their children in the Romulus High School cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18. Tickets for a one-parent/one-child couple are \$7 (plus \$2 per additional child); cost for two-parent/one-child groups will be \$10 (plus \$2 per additional child). Space is limited to the first 150 tickets sold. No tickets will be available after 5 p.m. on Monday, December 16.

The Velveteen Rabbit

The Recreation Department invites you to see *The Velveteen Rabbit* – a classic children's tale about how toys become "real" – at the Marquis Theatre in Northville on Thursday, December 26. A cost of \$8 covers transportation from the Recreation Center to the theater and back (bus will depart at 1:30 p.m.) and admission to the musical. Deadline for registration is Thursday, December 19.

Holiday Roller-skating

Parent chaperones are welcome to attend the Recreation Department's holiday roller-skating party for children ages 8 and up, set for Friday, December 27, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The \$6 cost

includes transportation from the Recreation Center to the rink and back, as well as admission and skate rental. The deadline for registration is Monday, December 23.

Letters to Santa

The Romulus Civic League is again sponsoring its "Santa's Mailbox" program. Local children who drop their letters to Santa into the colorful box in front of City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road) will get a personal reply.

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Unless otherwise noted, call the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation (734-942-6852) for more information about the above programs.

Romulus Goodfellow Applications Now Available; Donations Sought

Applications Available

The Romulus Goodfellow organization – in keeping with its continuing pledge, "No child (or senior citizen) without a Christmas" – will accept applications for its annual holiday assistance program now through December 9. Applications may be picked up at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road), the Romulus Police Department (11165 Olive), or Romulus Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) during normal business hours.

All applicants must provide proof of income and a photo ID demonstrating Romulus residency, and should be prepared for a brief interview to help the Goodfellows determine their level of need.

Paper Drive Set; Other Donations Also Welcome

The annual Romulus Goodfellow newspaper drive will be held on Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, at intersections throughout the city.

Please give generously; by doing so, you'll be helping a neighbor in need have a happy holiday season.

Also welcome are donations of new, unwrapped toys; items such as coats, hats, and mittens; nonperishable food; and/or cash or gift certificates. Donations may be dropped off at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road), the Romulus Police Department (11165 Olive), or Romulus Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) during normal business hours.

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RHS Girls' Volleyball**VARSITY & JV**

- Romulus at Taylor Tournament (V only) (Sat., Dec. 14, TBA)
- Romulus at Melvindale Tournament (JV only) (Sat., Dec. 14, 8 a.m.)
- Romulus at Taylor Tournament (JV only) (Fri., Dec. 20, TBA)
- Romulus at University of Michigan Tournament (V only) (Sat., Jan. 4, TBA)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., Jan. 6, 6 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 8, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe News Tournament (V only) (Sat., Jan. 11, TBA)
- Romulus at Carlson (Mon., Jan. 13, 6 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 15, 6 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 20, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus hosts Midwinter Tournament (V only) (Sat., Jan. 25, TBA)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Mon., Jan. 27, 6 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 29, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus hosts Midwinter Tournament (JV only) (Sat., Feb. 1, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Mon., Feb. 3, 6 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 5, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Mon., Feb. 10, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Wed., Feb. 12, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale Tournament (V only) (Sat., Feb. 15, 8 a.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 19, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at News-Herald Invitational/Lincoln Park (Sat., Feb. 22, TBA)

RHS Boys' Basketball**FRESHMEN**

- Romulus at Wayne (Tues., Dec. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Tues., Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Jan. 17, 3:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Tues., Jan. 21, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Jan. 24, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Airport Carleton (Tues., Jan. 28, 3:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 31, 3:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Tues., Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Fri., Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Tues., Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Fri., Feb. 28, 3:30 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Volleyball****FRESHMEN**

- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., Jan. 6, 3:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Mon., Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Wed., Jan. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Tues., Jan. 21, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Wed., Jan. 22, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale Tournament (Sat., Jan. 25, 8 a.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 27, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Wed., Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 3, 3:30 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Mon., Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 17, 3:30 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 19, 3:30 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Boys' Hoops****7TH & 8TH GRADES**

- Romulus at Belleville North (Tues., Dec. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe Middle (Tues., Dec. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Monroe Cantrick at Romulus (Tues., Dec. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tues., Jan. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Thurs., Jan. 9, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Girls' Volleyball****7TH & 8TH GRADES**

- Romulus at Belleville South (Mon., Feb. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Wed., Feb. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Feb. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Mon., Feb. 24, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Wed., Feb. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Mon., Mar. 3, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Wed., Mar. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Mon., Mar. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Wed., Mar. 12, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Boys' Basketball****VARSITY & JV**

- Wayne at Romulus (Tues., Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln (Tues., Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Fri., Jan. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Detroit Community High at Romulus (Tues., Jan. 7, 5:30 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Tues., Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Fri., Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Tues., Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m.)
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- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Tues., Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Tues., Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m.)

RHS Boys' Wrestling**VARSITY & JV**

- Romulus at L'Anse Creuse Invitational (Sat., Dec. 7, TBA)
- Romulus at Monroe (Thurs., Dec. 12, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Hartland Invitational (V only) (Sat., Dec. 14, 10 a.m.)
- Edsel Ford at Romulus (Thurs., Dec. 19, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Eaton Rapids Invitational (Sat., Jan. 4, 10 a.m.)
- Southgate & DCC at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 9, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus hosts Romulus Royal Invitational (Sat., Jan. 11, 8:30 a.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 23, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Avondale Invitational (Sat., Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thurs., Jan. 30, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Battle Creek Invitational (Sat., Feb. 1, 10 a.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Thurs., Feb. 6, 6 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Wrestling****7TH & 8TH GRADES**

- Romulus vs. Southgate at Gerish (Tues., Feb. 11, 3:45 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus (Thurs., Feb. 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Tues., Feb. 18, 3:45 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Thurs., Feb. 20, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Tues., Feb. 25, 3:45 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., Feb. 27, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Tues., Mar. 4, 3:45 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Thurs., Mar. 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Tues., Mar. 11, TBA)

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RHS Lady Eagles Win Mega Blue Championship; Coach McAlister Named "Fall Coach of the Year"



Romulus High School's Lady Eagles varsity basketball team, with family members behind: (from left) Coach Rhonda McAlister; Shaepree Lee and her aunt, Tracy Payne; Tasha Murray and her mother, Tonya Cadwell-Murray; Deborah Anderson with her father, Darnell Anderson, and her mother, Juanita Chapple; Ashley Sibby with her mother, Angela Clark, and her father, William Clark; Constance Kersey with her mother, Pamela Kersey, and her father, Ronald Kersey; Marika Wise with her mother, Ester Wiseman, and her father, Mark Campbell; Janiece Armstrong and her father, Ken Donegan; Brittany Brooks and her mother, Yvonne Brooks; Paris Hawkins and her grandmother, Virginia Hawkins; Darlene Glass and her mother, Diane Glass; Alicia Harbor and her cousin, Leonard Campbell; and Jasmine Charles with her parents, J. and K. Charles.

Romulus High School's Lady Eagles varsity basketball team won the Mega Blue Conference championship with an outstanding 10-2 record. After conclud-

ing the regular season at 16-4 overall, the team went on to finish with a final record of 17-5 with an opening State Tournament victory over Wayne and a

semifinal defeat by Garden City.

Coach Rhonda McAlister, who was named "Romulus Fall Coach of the Year" by *The Romulus Roman*, was pleased

that her team came such a long way and improved so much compared to last year. She noted, in particular, the dedi-
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Varsity Basketball Team Is League Champ; McAlister "Coach of the Year"



Romulus High School's Lady Eagles JV basketball team, with family members behind: (from left) Katie Banks and her mother, Diane Banks; Antonia Walker and her mother, Verland Walker; Landria Buckley; Rhea Partee and her mother, Revé Guillaund-Partee; Kanise Thompson and her mother, Kanise Thompson; Shavon Bell and her mother, Priscilla Bell; Kate Appel with her mother, Diane Appel, and her father, William Appel; Jillian Gray and her father, Troy Gray; Brittani Henry and her mother, Diedre Zockheem; Angelica Crawford and her mother, Carolyn Crawford; Shannon Kowalski and her aunt, Kate Stears; Crystal Scott; Rom-meka Johnson and her aunt, Darlene Johnson; and Tasha Archer and her mother, Sheryl Archer.

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cation displayed by her players during summer and regular-season practices.

McAlister also believes that the team has a bright future, since many of her top players were only freshmen and sopho-

mores this past season.

Romulus Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather congratulated both the Lady Eagles and Coach McAlister on their successful season.

"Coach McAlister has dedicated

herself to the girls' basketball program at Romulus High School," Meriweather stated. "She is enthusiastic, hard-working, always eager to improve, and devotes a lot of her time to the students and the basketball program."

Meriweather also had words of encouragement for the RHS Lady Eagles junior varsity players, who – although not as successful as their "big sisters" on the varsity team – showed promise during the 2002 season. □

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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 11, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Billy McCraight.

Roll call showed members Billy McCraight, Betty Lenossi, April Frayer, Cheryle Buckley, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, and Kenneth Mientkiewicz present. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Edward Clark, William Routhier, and Tom Dolan were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McCraight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended to include "Executive Session."

11/02/1 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

11/02/2 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Minutes of October 28, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Mary Elizabeth Coffee, Fourth-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary School, Effective October 30, 2002.

RESIGNATION: Laura Ralko, School Nurse, Special Services, Effective November 11, 2002.

11/02/3 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the personnel actions as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Bonnie Poet, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, Effective January 1, 2002.

11/02/4 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board accept the retirement of Bonnie Poet as recommended by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

11/02/5 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Surplus Buses

11/02/6 Moved by Lenossi supported by Mientkiewicz to declare three (3) school buses as surplus for sale at the City/School Auction. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Purchase of Cameras for Transportation

11/02/7 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the purchase of twenty-seven (27) video cameras for \$26,343.90. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Industrial Tech Presentation – Bill Musham

Mr. Bill Musham, Ms. Phyllis Wilkerson, and Mr. Steve Grunick, the district's Webmaster, were present to update the Board of Education on the Industrial Technology Program, and responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

None.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Barth Golden Apple Again; 2) Communication – Homecoming – Thank You; 3) The Merriman Star; 4) RHS – Parent Newsletter; 5) Wick Elementary Annual Report; 6) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 7) Middle School Newsletter; 8) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; 9) Thank You – Molly McGlynn; 10) College Day – RHS; and 11) Honor Roll Athletes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Cheryle Buckley asked about the possibility of foreign language in the elementary schools. April Frayer asked if the results were in for the Terra Nova Test. Betty Lenossi asked if we worked out the issue of the pizza sales relative to the school store at the High School. Ken Mientkiewicz pointed out that there was some damage to our running track at the Middle School and he questioned the installation of the auditorium doors at the High School. Celeste Roscoe offered her thanks on tutoring. Billy McCraight was wondering about various construction issues. The warranties are not in effect until the acceptance of completed contractors work by Romulus Community Schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11/02/8 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/02/9 Moved by Roscoe supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Website Features "Virtual Tours"



Proudly showing off the Romulus Community Schools' new "virtual tour" Website are (from left) Stephen Grunick (RHS technology teacher and district Webmaster), Bill Musham (director, Adult/Community Education), and Phyllis Wilkerson (life-management teacher, RHS). Virtual tours of the High School are already available; other district facilities will be added in the future. The site address is www.romulus.net.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has added two new waste codes to the hazardous waste Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program. EQ Resource Recovery, Inc. (36345 Van Born Road, Romulus, MI 48174), is requesting that its federal hazardous waste management permit be modified to allow the management of these waste codes. Addition of the codes does not involve the addition of new processes or increased traffic volumes. Additional drum management space is being requested.

The permit modification request is available for review at the Romulus Public Library, located at 11121 South Wayne Road. A public meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. January 7, 2003, at the Romulus Marriott on Flynn Drive. For more information, contact Caroline Depp at 734-727-5550 or Rebecca Derr at 312-886-0988. The permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Agency contact person. Public comments can be submitted, in writing, no later than January 31, 2003, to:

Rebecca Derr
USEPA, Region 5 (DRP-8J)
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Chicago, IL 60604-0390

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STUDY SESSION, NOVEMBER 12, 2002

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Billy McCraight.

Roll call showed members Billy McCraight, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, and Kenneth Mientkiewicz were present. Administrators Joel R. Carr, Edward Clark, William Routhier, and Tom Dolan were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Billy McCraight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11/02/10 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – FINANCIAL STATUS – STATE FUNDING:

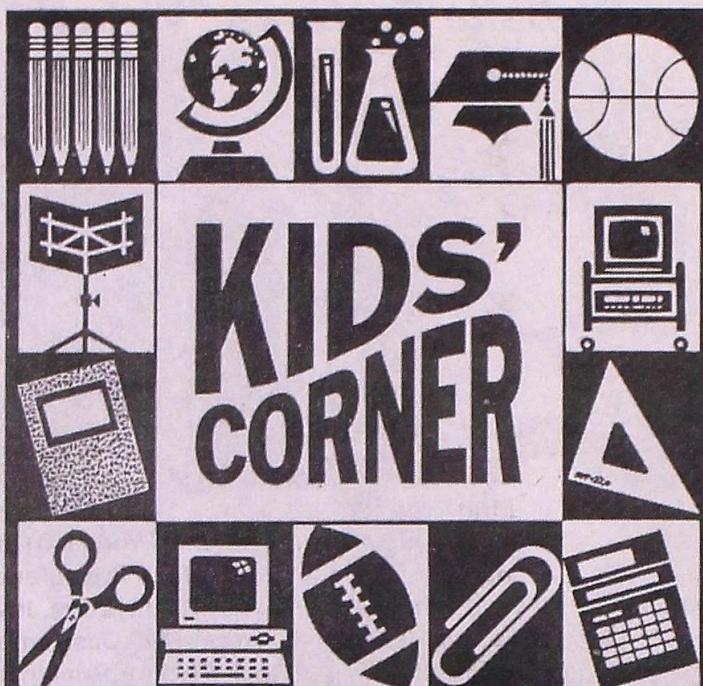
Brainstorming session created a working list for future consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/02/11 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

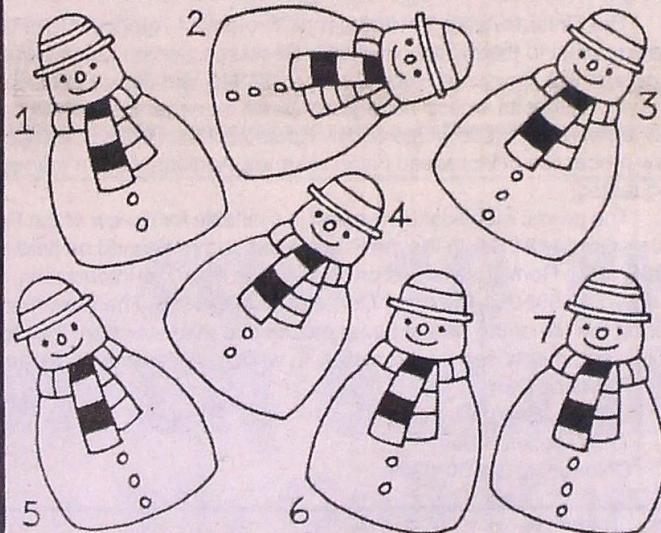
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education



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ANSWER: NUMBERS THREE AND FIVE

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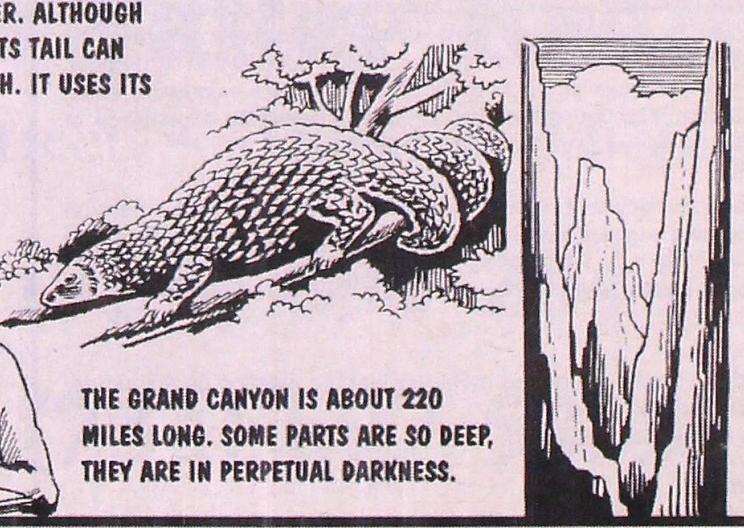
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Christmas puzzler

Listed below are words and phrases that have to do with Christmas. How many can you find and circle in the scrambled letter puzzle? The words go horizontally and vertically, backwards and forwards.

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HOLY

CAROLS
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TOYS
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GARLAND
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L	T	G	B	F	N	V	Y	S	A	C	A	R
Y	W	F	B	T	G	Q	G	A	R	P	N	O
V	B	W	E	S	E	P	H	B	L	A	R	L
R	J	D	V	Q	W	H	J	Q	A	R	O	S
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December jumble

A lot goes on in December. Unscramble the words below to complete the December-related sentences.

1. This holiday is referred to as the "festival of lights." KACANHUH
2. No two look alike, but they all have six sides. FSLAWKNOES
3. December 22 is the start of the ENITRW LOCSTISE.
4. A favorite plant to kiss under. EIMSETLOT
5. Door-to-door group singing. LAIORLCNG
6. Every December 31st. WEN EARYS VEE

1. Chanukah 2. Snowflakes 3. Winter Solstice
4. Mistletoe 5. Caroling 6. New Year's Eve

Answers

KC930005

RMS Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Romulus Middle School students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a place on their school's honor roll for the first card-marking of the 2002-2003 school year.

ALL A's

Seventh Grade

Rachel Arthur, Heather Bavol, Carmen Collie, Matthew Destrampe, Shaniya Dye, Chelsea Earby, Kourtney Hamilton, Alisa James, Janeice McNeal, Amelia Pelayo, Leanna Pioli, Kyle Sherwood, Chiara Snook, Jasmine Stephens, Tranay Tanner, and Abigail Tieppo.

Eighth Grade

Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Aurielle McCauley, and Jessica Mills.

HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade

Shontez Akins, Cody Bailey, Antoine Baines, Michael Behnke, Latanya Bellinger, Barbara Bidwell, Erin Bragg, Amelia Britz, Caren Brock, Jasmine Brown, Kentrell Brown, Dominique Buckley, Dean Burcroff, Latiesha Burnett, Tiffani Cannon, Joseph Coatsworth, Melissa Cofield, Jasmine Colquitt, Tiffany Conradson, Bianca Courtland, Jonathon Daugherty, Heather Doyle, Kristen Dubinsky, Nikki Eves, Stacy Fabinski, Christopher Floyd, April Gondek, Ashley Gondek, Tiara Grandison, Kenneth Gregory, Miranda Gubaci, Kristina Hall, Adam Hammond, Maura Harris, Steven Hawes, Kaleb Heil, Sharmae Henderson, Edward Hoffman, Jasmine Hollingsworth, Anjenette Hood, Ashley Hubbard, Tanisha Hubbard, Tiffany Hutcherson, Tameeka Jackson, Tasheema Jones-Murray, Rose Julius, Robert Knick, Thomas Kortas, Kristin Leigh, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Vaughn Liendo, Jacquelyn Logan, Jennifer Logan, Meisha Martin, Valencia Mathews, Miranda McDiarmid, Joya McNeal, Alyssia McVay, Amanda Menser, Danielle Milhem, Kiara Moon, Alecia Morgan, Arielle Morgan, Chad Morris, Charles Murphy, Lawrence Nastal, Krystal Nault, Darius Osborne, Brittany Perry, Melissa Peterson, Nakendra Pinkston, Shauna Pitman, Victoria Rak, Tiffany

Ramsey, Precious Richardson, Katelyn Rogers, Darius Ross, Lance Rusan, Stephanie Rutherford, Carrie Sawdy, Amanda Saylor, Ryan Schulz, Nicole Shrader, Chenise Smith, Elizabeth Spearman, Kevin Sperry, Dana St.Clair, Samantha Stewart, Akara Stovall, Leroy Talley, Alexis Treadaway, Phillip Vaghy, Matthew Wagle, Tricia Wanamaker, Ciera Warren, Demar Watkins, Darryl White, Dyonna White, Elijah White, Starnesha White, Brandon Williams, Julian Williams, Mario Williams, Tiffany Williams, Tempest Wills, Henry Windham, Clara Windom, and Crystal Zimmerman.

Eighth Grade

Shon Aggison, Maurice Anderson, Joshua Arnett-Butscher, Christopher Baker, Patrice Barden, Olivia Berry, William Blackburn, Andrew Boyd, Amanda Braden, Brieana Bray, Melissa Brengton, Courtnee Briggs, Kerri Britz, Candice Bruckner, Nicole Carroll, Carletta Carter, Kiara Carter, Walter Cholette, Katherine Cobb, Larhonda Colvin, Stacy Davidson, Jessica Donald, Cortez Dyess, Yetunde Emanuel, Carissa Franklin, Tiffany Gray, Carrie Hampton, Sandra Harris, James Hayes, Lindsey Hines, Cari Hoskinson, James Hoskinson, Luke Hotchkiss, Edwina Jackson, Rebekah Jackson, Antoine James, Jessica James, Joy Jendritz, Sarah Johnson, Tanisha Keaton, Joseph Kiesznowski, Deanna Kordonis, Dean Kovacs, Ashley Lately, Joseph Lewis, Marco Little, Kaitlyn Lovenduski, Jasmine Martin, Bianca McDavid, Maureen McGlynn, Ori Miller, Richelle Mortzfield, Lauren Nierman, Ryann Norfleet, Tiffany Penn, Darius Price, Gary Puhl, Joshua Ray, Jetaun Robinson, Anthony Schooley, Devin Searcy, Amna Sheikh, Trisha Shotts, Cedric Smith, Eric Smith, Eric Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Kevanna Smith, Monay Smith, Renea Sperry, Jesse Spicer, Kevin Stobbe, Courtney Turner, Erika Wasson, Dakota Watson, Mariay Watt, George Wells, Kandice Wells, Daryl Wilson, Lorenzo Wilson, Shakita Wilson, Theresa Windom, Brittany Wright, and Amber Younglove. □



Making all A's during the first card-marking period were the following Romulus Middle School seventh-graders: (from left) front – Chelsea Earby, Abby Tieppo, Carmen Collie, Heather Bavol, and Leanna Pioli; middle – Kourtney Hamilton, Tranay Tanner, Shaniya Dye, Jasmine Stephens, and Chiara Snook; back – Janeice McNeal, Matt Destrampe, Alisa James, Kyle Sherwood, Amelia Pelayo, and Rachel Arthur. Principal Mel Kimbrough was very pleased with this school-record-breaking performance, and congratulated the students on their fine work.

Barth School Forms Student Watch/Awareness Team



Some of the members of the Barth Elementary School Student Watch/Awareness Team are (from left) Diane Zimkiewicz (resource teacher), Mike Blackburn (sixth-grade teacher), Gerilyn Kline (fifth-grade teacher), Rob Baty (sixth-grade teacher), Dorothy West (learning specialist), and Diane Golka (principal). Other members (not pictured) include Gerald Rzepka (psychologist), Sue Mitchell (social worker), Becky Oz (speech teacher), and Laura Ralko (district nurse).

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Barth Elementary teachers and support staff professionals have formed a child-study team that aims to provide significant support for – and accelerate the achievement of – "at-risk" students.

"The Student Watch/Awareness Team is modeled after a highly successful program started in Naranca Elementary School in El Cajon, California," explained district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "Using this approach, the school was able to raise state scores from among the lowest in California to among the highest."

Team members met over a two-day period and discussed academic and nonacademic issues that impact the performance and achievement of every

student at Barth. Then, the team used the acquired data to structure appropriate interventions and strategies for each at-risk student.

Learning specialist Dorothy West indicated that the team will reconvene every 10 weeks in order to evaluate and discuss student progress and make adjustments if necessary.

"It was really interesting to combine information from both the academic and social backgrounds of students and come up with an approach that will significantly enhance academic achievement," she noted.

The team will also be inviting parents to attend and participate in future meetings. □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Holiday Gala

The Romulus Senior Center's annual holiday gala will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel of Romulus on Thursday, December 26, at 11 a.m. A cost of \$10.50 per person includes:

- a delicious lasagna luncheon,
- musical entertainment by The Internationals (a four-piece band) and D&R (a two-piece group),
- dancing,
- door prizes.

Holiday Shopping

To aid seniors with their holiday shopping, the Romulus Senior Center's van will be traveling to the following locations:

- Target – Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 a.m. (Note: December 3 is the store's "Senior Day" promotion, featuring specials, senior discounts, free gift-wrapping, refreshments, and much more. Center staff members strongly recommend making a list, as participants will have only two hours to shop.)
- Southland/Meijer – Monday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.
- Farmer Jack/Wal-Mart – Monday, December 16, 9:30 a.m.
- Kmart – Wednesday, December 18, 9:30 a.m.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Windsor Race Track/Casino** (December 10; \$5); and
 - **Little River Casino** (December 31–January 1).
 - December 3 (meeting, birthdays, games);
 - December 10 (meeting, bag lunch, games); and
 - December 17 (holiday dinner "out").
- New faces are always welcome.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Computers, Internet Service Available

Just a reminder that seniors who need access to a computer to learn or practice new skills may use the computers at the Romulus Senior Center, free of charge. Internet service is also available. Appointments are strongly advised.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, December 16, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Center serves a hot lunch each weekday for \$1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

Annual Commodities Registration

The Romulus Senior Center is accepting registrations for the Commodities surplus-food program. To register, an applicant must be a Romulus resident and have proof of income. (This is not a seniors-only program.) Those currently enrolled in the program will need to re-enroll for the upcoming year.

Commodities are distributed on the third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

Chore Service

Are you in need of yard work and/or minor home repairs?

If so, call the Romulus Senior Center and find out if you qualify for a free chore-service program.

Christmas Cards Accepted

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City _____ State _____

Bridesmaids _____

Groomsmen _____

Date of Engagement _____

Date of Wedding _____

Place _____

City _____ State _____

Reception _____

City _____ State _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Weight _____ Length _____

Birthplace _____

Parents _____

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Maternal Grandparents _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Paternal Grandparents _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

Obituaries

Jack K. Dobbyn

Jack K. Dobbyn of New Boston, Michigan, passed away on Monday, November 18, 2002, at the age of 66.

Jack was born on April 15, 1936, in Romulus, Michigan. He and his wife, Sonya (Drogs) Dobbyn, were married on March 8, 1957. The Ford Motor Company retiree was a member of the Dearborn Masonic Lodge, and loved visiting his home in Florida.

Among those surviving Jack are his wife Sonya; one son, Jack (Susan) Dobbyn II (Livonia, MI); one daughter, Debra (Stephen) Buck (Huron

Township, MI), one brother, Lloyd (Betty) Dobbyn (Dearborn, MI); one sister, Darlene Dobbyn (Taylor, MI); five grandchildren, Amanda Patrick, Eric Buck, Michael Dobbyn, Bethany Dobbyn, and Melissa Dobbyn; and a great-grandchild who is "on the way."

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, November 20, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Curt Swick (New Faith Chapel, New Boston) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Owen W. Richardson

Owen W. Richardson of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, November 12, 2002, at the age of 90.

The former building inspector for the Township and City of Romulus (1958–1977) was born in Estill County, Kentucky, on February 24, 1912.

Owen is survived by his wife, Tennie (White) Richardson; one son, Roy (Charleen) Richardson (Kalamazoo, MI); three grandchildren; five

great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Among those predeceasing him were his daughter, Sharon Gyorkos, and nine siblings.

A funeral service was held Friday, November 15, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Dr. Russell Bone (Church of Christ, Dearborn, MI) officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens (Westland, MI). □

50th Anniversary

Donald J. and Margaret (James) Taylor

After God's blessing of 50 wonderful years of marriage, Donald J. Taylor and Margaret (James) Taylor of Romulus have again affirmed their love for each other with a renewal of their wedding vows.

Father Festus Ejimadu of St. Aloysius Catholic Church performed the ceremony on Saturday, November 2, 2002 – a day after the Taylors' actual anniversary date.

Among those attending the celebration were the couple's seven children and their spouses: Darryl and Sharon (Taylor) Zilka, Donald Jr. and Georgeann Taylor, Edward and Theresa Taylor, Phyllis Taylor and Tom Johnstone, Paul and Judith (Taylor) Delmar, James Taylor, and Thomas and Dawn Taylor. Donald and Margaret have also been blessed with 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Following the ceremony, the festivi-



Margaret and Donald Taylor

ties continued at the Crowne Plaza's "bistro room," where a host of family and members and friends joined the couple to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Happy Birthday!

Eddie Beanum Celebrates #92



Eddie Beanum celebrated his 92nd birthday with family members at a barbecue held last month.

Eddie Beanum – a 60-year resident of Romulus – celebrated his 92nd birthday on November 16, 2002. Just a month earlier, his four daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three sisters, and other relatives traveled from as far away as California to barbecue a hog in his honor.

Beanum is a well-known figure in the local community, where he can be

seen driving his green pickup to take care of the errands that are a product of his still-busy life-style. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Romulus and also volunteers once a month for a food program at the T.J. Coleman Community Center.

When asked his secret to long life, Beanum replied, "I just lived – but I don't want to see another 92 years!" □

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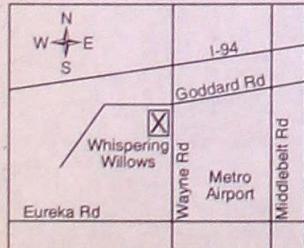
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